

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 15. (canceled).

16. (currently amended): A display apparatus comprising:

a first display panel including a first electro-optic display medium, a first electrode-line group having a plurality of electrode lines to supply a driving signal to the first electro-optic display medium, and an active element that controls supply of the driving signal to the first electro-optic display medium;

a second display panel including a second electro-optic display medium, and a second electrode-line group having a plurality of electrode lines to supply a driving signal to the second electro-optic display medium; and

a connecting member that connects the first display panel and the second display panel, wherein

at least a part of the electrode lines of the first electrode-line group are connected to a part or all of the electrode lines of the second electrode-line group via the connecting member, and

wherein at least one of said first and second display panels comprises an inter-panel switching element that is provided between the electrode lines of the first display panel and the electrode lines of the second display panel that are connected to each other, and controls passage and non-passage of the driving signal to said second panel.

17. (cancelled)

18. (previously presented): The display apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising a protection switching element that is provided between the electrode lines of the first display panel and the electrode lines of the second display panel that are connected to each other, and disperses static electricity generated in the electrode lines.

19. (cancelled)

20. (previously presented): The display apparatus according to claim 16, wherein a driving circuit that supplies the driving signal is connected to the first display panel.

21. (currently amended): ~~The display apparatus according to claim 16~~ A display apparatus comprising:

a first display panel including a first electro-optic display medium, a first electrode-line group having a plurality of electrode lines to supply a driving signal to the first electro-optic display medium, and an active element that controls supply of the driving signal to the first electro-optic display medium;

a second display panel including a second electro-optic display medium, and a second electrode-line group having a plurality of electrode lines to supply a driving signal to the second electro-optic display medium; and

a connecting member that connects the first display panel and the second display panel, wherein

at least a part of the electrode lines of the first electrode-line group are connected to a part or all of the electrode lines of the second electrode-line group via the connecting member,

wherein a driving circuit that supplies the driving signal is connected to either of the first display panel and the second display panel, of which a display area is smaller.

22. (currently amended): ~~The display apparatus according to claim 16~~ A display apparatus comprising:

a first display panel including a first electro-optic display medium, a first electrode-line group having a plurality of electrode lines to supply a driving signal to the first electro-optic display medium, and an active element that controls supply of the driving signal to the first electro-optic display medium;

a second display panel including a second electro-optic display medium, and a second electrode-line group having a plurality of electrode lines to supply a driving signal to the second electro-optic display medium; and

a connecting member that connects the first display panel and the second display panel, wherein

at least a part of the electrode lines of the first electrode-line group are connected to a part or all of the electrode lines of the second electrode-line group via the connecting member,

wherein a driving circuit that supplies the driving signal is connected to the connecting member that connects the first display panel and the second display panel.

23. (previously presented): The display apparatus according to claim 20, wherein a driving circuit that supplies the driving signal is connected using an anisotropic conductive-film made of an electric conductor and an adhesive.

24. (previously presented): The display apparatus according to claim 21, wherein a driving circuit that supplies the driving signal is connected using an anisotropic conductive-film made of an electric conductor and an adhesive.

25. (previously presented): The display apparatus according to claim 22, wherein a driving circuit that supplies the driving signal is connected using an anisotropic conductive-film made of an electric conductor and an adhesive.

26. (currently amended): The display apparatus according to claim ~~17~~ 16, wherein the first display panel and the second display panel are operated with different driving signals, and

the inter-panel switching element includes a signal converting circuit that converts a driving signal for the first display panel into a driving signal for the second display panel.

27. (currently amended): The display apparatus according to claim ~~19~~ 18, wherein the first display panel and the second display panel are operated with different driving signals, and

the inter-panel switching element includes a signal converting circuit that converts a driving signal for the first display panel into a driving signal for the second display panel.

28. (currently amended): The display apparatus according to claim ~~17~~ 16, wherein the first display panel is an active-matrix liquid-crystal-display panel, the second display panel is a passive-matrix liquid-crystal-display panel, and the inter-panel switching element includes a signal converting circuit that converts a driving signal for the first display panel into a driving signal for the second display panel.

29. (currently amended): The display apparatus according to claim ~~19~~ 18, wherein the first display panel is an active-matrix liquid-crystal-display panel,

the second display panel is a passive-matrix liquid-crystal-display panel, and
the inter-panel switching element includes a signal converting circuit that converts a driving signal for the first display panel into a driving signal for the second display panel.

30. (currently amended): The display apparatus according to claim ~~17~~ 16, wherein
the first display panel is an active-matrix liquid-crystal-display panel,
the second display panel is formed with an organic light-emitting diode, and
the inter-panel switching element includes a signal converting circuit that converts a driving signal for the first display panel into a driving signal for the second display panel.

31. (currently amended): The display apparatus according to claim ~~19~~ 18, wherein
the first display panel is an active-matrix liquid-crystal-display panel,
the second display panel is formed with an organic light-emitting diode, and
the inter-panel switching element includes a signal converting circuit that converts a driving signal for the first display panel into a driving signal for the second display panel.

32. (currently amended): The display apparatus according to claim ~~17~~ 16, wherein
the first display panel is an active-matrix display panel formed with an organic light-emitting diode,
the second display panel is a passive-matrix liquid-crystal-display panel, and
the inter-panel switching element includes a signal converting circuit that converts a driving signal for the first display panel into a driving signal for the second display panel.

33. (currently amended): The display apparatus according to claim ~~19~~ 18, wherein
the first display panel is an active-matrix display panel formed with an organic light-emitting diode,
the second display panel is a passive-matrix liquid-crystal-display panel, and
the inter-panel switching element includes a signal converting circuit that converts a driving signal for the first display panel into a driving signal for the second display panel.

34. (currently amended): The display apparatus according to claim ~~17~~ 16, wherein
the first display panel is an active-matrix display panel formed with an organic light-emitting diode,
the second display panel is an active-matrix liquid-crystal-display panel, and

the inter-panel switching element includes a signal converting circuit that converts a driving signal for the first display panel into a driving signal for the second display panel.

35. (currently amended): The display apparatus according to claim ~~19~~ 18, wherein the first display panel is an active-matrix display panel formed with an organic light-emitting diode,

the second display panel is an active-matrix liquid-crystal-display panel, and the inter-panel switching element includes a signal converting circuit that converts a driving signal for the first display panel into a driving signal for the second display panel.

36. (previously presented): The display apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising:

a third display panel including a third electro-optic display medium, and a third electrode-line group having a plurality of electrode lines to supply a driving signal to the third electro-optic display medium; and

a second connecting member that connects the third display panel with either of the first display panel and the second display panel, wherein

a part or all of the electrode lines of the third electrode-line group are connected to the electrode lines of the first electrode-line group or the electrode lines of the second electrode-line group via the second connecting member.

37. (previously presented): The display apparatus according to claim 36, further comprising:

a fourth display panel including a fourth electro-optic display medium, and a fourth electrode-line group having a plurality of electrode lines to supply a driving signal to the fourth electro-optic display medium; and

a third connecting member that connects the fourth display panel with one of the first display panel, the second display panel, and the third display panel, wherein

a part or all of the electrode lines of the fourth electrode-line group are connected to the electrode lines of the first electrode-line group, the electrode lines of the second electrode-line group, or the electrode lines of the third electrode-line group via the third connecting member.